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Mr. Peter Cowhey
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Dear Peter,

This follows up on my letter of May 7, 1997 concerning proposals for multiple Little Leo satellite system time sharing with National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and Department of Defense (DoD) meteorological satellite systems.

As indicated in my May 7, 1997 letter Final Analysis briefed NTIA, DoD and Commerce representatives regarding procedures for time sharing. In addition, CTA briefed representatives of NTIA and Commerce regarding their views on timesharing with NOAA satellites. In response to the Final Analysis briefing, I received the DoD response regarding multiple Little LEO system sharing with their Defense Meteorological Support Program (DMSP). Their response, as indicated in attachment 1, is that they remain strongly opposed to sharing with more than one system.

Commerce representatives considered the information presented by CTA and have indicated their continued opposition to timesharing with more than one narrow band Little Leo system in the 137-138 MHZ band. With regard to timesharing with more than one spread spectrum system, this is acceptable if the single entry as well as the aggregate signal levels are transparent to the met sat terminals. This could be a topic for additional discussion.

In a related matter, the IRAC considered the general subject of multiple system time sharing at its May 13, 1997 meeting. The conclusions of the IRAC are contained in attachment 2.

If I can be of further assistance on this matter, contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Parlow:

The IRAC, at its meeting on May 13, 1997 considered Doc. 30221/1-4.9.2/6.2/6.4. This document contains the concerns of the Department of Commerce/NOAA and the Military Agencies regarding the FCC proposal to share the metsat bands at 137, 148 and 400 MHz with the Mobile Satellite Service (MSS).

As a result of that consideration the IRAC noted and referred Doc. 30221 to NTIA requesting that every effort be made to protect the metsat operations which support weather forecasting, storm tracking, and disaster recovery.

Edwin E. Dinkle

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Executive Secretary, IRAC

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of SecretaryMEMORANDUM FOR ASSOCIATE ADMINISTRATOR, NTIA
(ATTN: Mr Richard Parlow)

FROM: AFFMA/SCA

SUBJECT: Review of MSS 400 MHz Sharing Options

Reference is made to AF letter to the NTIA Administrator, Mr. Irving, dated 1 May 1997, which stated "strong opposition to any decision that would allow more than one civil MSS provider to time share with the DMSP 400 MHz channels."

On May 1, the FAI Corporation briefed its proposal to time share, in addition to another MSS provider, DMSP 400 MHz channels. The FCC stated that it would allow until 9 May for federal agency review and comment.

We faxed copies of the FAI briefing for review and comment to various military agencies. The review indicates that we must maintain the referenced position.

for Nelson Pellach
RODERICK A. TAYLOR, Colonel, USAF
Commander

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